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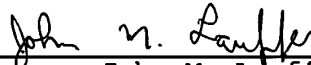
sworn, depose and state:

1. We are two of the applicants of the above-identified patent application and are co-inventors with Kathleen L. Covert, deceased, of the subject matter described and claimed therein.

2. Be it known that we and Kathleen L. Covert conceived the idea and the concept of the present invention and reduced it to practice in 1996, before the issuance and even the filing dates of U.S. Patent No. 6,020,029, achieving a reduction to practice on October 1, 1996.

3. The above-identified patent application for the subject invention was thereafter prepared and filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on March 23, 1999.

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